

CLASS 6 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



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READING BOOKS

Independent home reading is important and highly encouraged. Children should be reading at home every week. Children in Year 6 will take part in a 'reading challenge' where they can read books of various difficulty and write a review about the book once they have finished. Please encourage your child to read at home where possible.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be sent home on Friday to be completed and returned to school by Wednesday. Homework this term will include a weekly maths and GPS task and they will receive a comprehension task on alternative weeks.

PE

P.E in Class 6 will take place on Wednesday and Friday afternoon for the whole class. Please ensure your child has the correct winter PE kit in school every day and that it is clearly labelled so we can return any items to the correct person. Please note that children will require pumps for this term.

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

I hope all the children in Year 6 have had a relaxing summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the busy term ahead. Mrs. Higgins and I are delighted to welcome the children back and hope they will settle into Year 6 smoothly, ready to enjoy the challenges and exciting opportunities this year has to offer. In this newsletter, you will find information about what the children will be learning next term, as well as important notices and updates regarding weekly routines in Class 6.

This term, the main subjects will be geography, science, history, art, Spanish, and music. In geography, we will develop our locational knowledge by identifying lines of longitude and latitude, exploring the Arctic and Antarctic Circles, and recognizing differences in biomes. In art, we will explore the life and work of Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama, using her work as inspiration to create our own nature-themed artwork. In science, we will focus on evolution and inheritance, particularly how animals have adapted to survive, with both written and practical lessons. In addition, children will have weekly computing, RE, and PSHE/RSE lessons.

In English, we will study various forms of literature, including a novel, biographies, classic fiction, persuasion, and poetry through songs and lyrics. Our first novel, *Darwin's Dragons* by Lyndsay Galvin, supports our science work on evolution and inheritance and tells the story of a cabin boy named Syms Covington who accompanies Charles Darwin on his voyage to the Galapagos Islands. The children will also write their own biographies this term, focusing on key figures in the fight for women's rights. Additionally, the class will participate in guided reading sessions each week to improve their vocabulary, understanding of different texts, and reading stamina.

In maths, we will consolidate our knowledge of place value and cover mental and written addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

We will also work on fractions and percentages, ratio and proportion, geometry, and measurement. Daily practice of mental maths skills and times tables will be part of our routine, as times tables are essential for

everyday life and support other areas of maths. Practicing both multiplication and division facts at home will enhance your child's overall understanding.

If you have any queries or would like to discuss anything further, please do not
hesitate to contact me.

Mr. Holt
